

JAN 17 2013

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that certified peer
2 specialists are persons who have self-identified as having
3 received or are receiving mental health or co-occurring disorder
4 services in their personal recovery process. These individuals
5 can use their unique life experiences to inspire hope and
6 provide support to others who may be facing similar situations.
7 The legislature further finds that the adult mental health
8 division of the department of health established its peer
9 specialist training and certification program in 2003. The
10 Hawaii certified peer specialist program ensures that
11 individuals who provide direct peer-to-peer services meet
12 acceptable minimum standards. Direct peer-to-peer services can
13 encompass a wide variety of support services and are an
14 important way to assist other individuals diagnosed with mental
15 illness or co-occurring disorders. Hawaii certified peer
16 specialists promote self-determination, personal responsibility,
17 and community integration for consumers of the adult mental



1 health division's services, and instill hope in others by
2 serving as role models and champions of recovery and resiliency.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
4 adult mental health division's Hawaii certified peer specialist
5 program.

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and
9 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
10 year 2014-2015 for the adult mental health division's Hawaii
11 certified peer specialist program.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
13 of health for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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S.B. NO. 42

Report Title:

Department of Health; Adult Mental Health Division; Hawaii
Certified Peer Specialist Program; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the adult mental health division's Hawaii
certified peer specialist program.

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